

**HOWARD COUNTY ALCOHOL & DRUG ABUSE ADVISORY BOARD**  
**MEETING MINUTES**  
**February 15, 2017**  
**Howard County Health Department, 8930 Stanford Blvd, Columbia, 21045**

**ADAAB MEMBERS/DESIGNEES:** Rick Bergin, Mark Donovan, Robert Erhardt, Joe Gagliardi, Gary Gardner, Kassy Hargadon-Zester, Cindy Johnson, Bruce McDonald, Ivan Montoya, Chris Robinson, Roe Rodgers-Bonaccorsy, Joan Webb Scornaienchi, Trisha Schupple, Linda Zumbrun

**HEALTH DEPARTMENT STAFF:** Dominique Hall, Seanté Hunt, and Maura Rossman

**GUESTS IN ATTENDANCE:** Barbara Allen, Tom Allen, Daryl Barnett, James Capone, Kip Castner, Patrick Chaulk, Derrick Hunt, Madeline Morey, and Lisa Parker, Cindy Privitera

**WELCOME & INTRODUCTIONS:** The meeting was called to order at 5:15 P.M. by Chair Joan Webb Scornaienchi. She welcomed the board and guests. Introductions were made.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA:** The February 15, 2017, Agenda was approved.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** The January 18, 2017, Minutes were approved.

**GUEST SPEAKER:**

Dr. Patrick Chaulk, Lisa Parker, and Derrick Hunt from Baltimore City Health Department and Kip Casner from Department of Health and Mental Hygiene (DHMH) presented on Baltimore City's Syringe Exchange Program. The program is a harm reduction and prevention program for intravenous drug users (IDUs) provided without judgment, free of charge. The program is designed to reduce the spread of HIV, Hepatitis C. In 1994 in Baltimore City, IDUs accounted for 64% of new HIV cases. In 2015 in Baltimore City, IDUs accounted for 8% of new HIV cases. Services include Syringe exchange, *Staying Alive* (Overdose Response Program training), substance use disorder treatment referrals, reproductive health care, immunizations, STD testing, condom distribution, and wound care (being reinstated).

Opioid-Associated Disease Prevention and Outreach Programs SB 97 went into effect 10/1/16. There is funding through DHMH to support a needle exchange program. Some counties in Maryland have already applied for funding and others are interested. Howard County Health Department is introducing the needle exchange program concept with plans to develop a program in Howard County operated by Baltimore City Health Department in partnership with Howard County Health Department. ADAAB and stakeholder champions are being sought to support the efforts and assist with planning the program.

**HEALTH DEPARTMENT UPDATE:** Provided by Roe

On February 11, 2017, the Behavioral Health Administration (BHA) partnered with Maryland Public Television to simultaneously broadcast, over 24 TV and radio stations, *Breaking Heroin's Grip: Road to*

*Recovery.* A 20-minute phone bank section highlighted Maryland's Crisis Hotline with the 800 number flashing on the screen.

Effective July 1, 2017, detoxification and residential substance use disorder treatment (ASAM 3.7D-3.3) is to be billable to Medicaid. The Medicaid reimbursement rate is to be out in May. There is to be an interim rate followed by a permanent rate once set. Residential treatment (ASAM 3.1) is to be billable to Medicaid in January 2019.

Starting January 1, 2017, in Howard County, outpatient substance use disorder treatment providers registered with Beacon Health Options were able to bill for services for consumers who are uninsured. The reimbursement rate is the Medicaid rate.

ADAAB's Strategic Plan was updated with feedback from members. The updated plan was submitted to BHA in February 2017.

The Maryland Opioid Operational Command Center (Center) was established by Executive Order as part of the Hogan Administration's 2017 Heroin and Opioid Prevention, Treatment, and Enforcement Initiative. The Center serves as the operational coordination entity for opioid-reduction activities across the state. Seante is the contact person for Howard County.

The Howard County Health Department, Bureau of Behavioral Health and Howard County Mental Health Authority hosted a Behavioral Health Learning Collaborative Kick Off Event February 10, 2017. The Kick Off Event launched 8 monthly learning collaborative sessions focused on system development and integrative mental health and substance use disorder care. Agencies are invited to register for the event with the first session starting March 22, 2017.

The revised Howard County Substance Use Disorder Treatment Resource Guide was passed out. The revised resource guide is posted on the Howard County Health Department and HC DrugFree's websites.

A handout was passed out listing the services that Howard County Health Department, Bureau of Behavioral Health offers. The handout is a printout of the information on the Bureau of Behavioral Health's website.

**HC DRUGFREE PREVENTION/EDUCATION/OPIOID UPDATE:** Provided by Joan

Joan reminded everyone that they may request to receive HC DrugFree's electronic newsletter. Both the newsletter and website provide access to links such as the recent Maryland Public Television (MPT) programs, Chasing the Dragon and other videos, articles, and other timely information.

As in previous years, HC DrugFree, Ocean City Police and Ocean City Beach Patrol will provide two annual Senior Week: Staying Safe in Ocean City programs at local high schools. (March 22 at Atholton High School and March 29 at Howard High School).

HC DrugFree's Teen Advisory Council is working on a project called *If I Had Known* and involves high school students offering advice to younger students.

HC DrugFree will provide a program called *Not My Child* on April 25 at River Hill High School. HC DrugFree offers similar programs each year and used this title a few years ago.

Semi-annual *Drug Take Back Day* will be held on April 29 and HC DrugFree will offer their convenient drive-thru service for the collection of medications and sharps (needles, syringes, and EpiPens).

Joan discussed the changes in HC DrugFree's prevention services throughout the years and the expansion from teen-centered, to youth-centered (through brain development), and then to the entire Howard County community (birth to death). Currently, the expanded focus is from pre-birth to post-death.

### **OVERDOSE RESPONSE PROGRAM (ORP) AND OPIOID MISUSE PREVENTION PROGRAM (OMPP)**

**UPDATE:** Provided by Roe

ORP Update:

The next scheduled ORP trainings are February 27 and March 27<sup>th</sup> at the Howard County Health Department.

ORP trainings will also be held at the Howard County General Hospital Wellness Center every 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of the month. Dates and times are listed on their website.

ORP trainings are scheduled with several community agencies in the upcoming months

OMPP Update:

As a recommendation of the Overdose Fatality Review Team and Behavioral Health Workgroup of the Local Health Improvement Council, several county agencies are in the planning stage of creating an Interagency Data Repository. The agencies included at this point are the Howard County Health Department, Howard County Police Department, Howard County Fire & Rescue, and Howard County Detention Center. Plans are to share non-fatal and fatal overdose occurrences in real time, as well as, additional data points being planned at this time. This will allow for the deployment of harm reduction strategies and treatment referrals and resources. Legal agreements are pending.

A nationwide real-time overdose surveillance system was launched by High Intensity Drug Trafficking Area (HIDAT). The overdose detection mapping application assists public health, fire, emergency medical service, and law enforcement agencies track known and suspected overdose incidents using Smartphone technology.

An Overdose Fatality Review solicitation is being sought in an effort to reach out to family members, prescribers, and health care providers of the decedents to offer support, treatment options, and education.

The video *Chasing the Dragon: The Life of an Opiate Addict* is being shown at a lunch and learn session for employees at the Howard County Health Department on February 21, 2017. In an effort to combat the growing epidemic of prescription drug and heroin abuse, the FBI and DEA have released the video, which is a documentary aimed at educating students and young adults about the dangers of addiction.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

Carry forward vote to meeting on March 15, 2017 to determine how to spend the set-aside ADAAB funds totaling \$5,000.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

Madeline Morey the Executive Director informed ADAAB that the Howard County Mental Health Authority (HCMHA) is conducting a County-Wide Needs Assessment to identify the top behavioral health (mental health and substance abuse) needs of our jurisdiction. This process will include conducting Key Informant Interviews and Focus Group Stakeholder Surveys to ask the local leaders and key stakeholders about their perspective on these needs. The survey results will be analyzed and the information gained through this outreach, along with previous studies and other data, to choose priority goals and identify the best way to measure progress in meeting these goals. This evaluation will become the basis for the HCMHA Strategic Plan from Fiscal Years 2018-2022. ADAAB was sent an email asking for members to complete an online survey to gather feedback.

Dr. Montoya informed ADAAB that the FDA approved a 2 mm dose of naloxone.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

Next Meeting is March 15, 2017, at 5:15 P.M. at the Howard County Health Department

**ADJOURNMENT:** The meeting was adjourned at 7:00 P.M.